

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 22, 2024 | 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope (117)

Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (*transferred from September 21*)

Prophet Jonah (8th c. B.C.) | Saint Jonah the Presbyter (9th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Monday: Conception of the Honorable Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

Tuesday: Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut

Wednesday: Repose of Ven. Sergius, Wonderworker of Radonezh and All Russia

Thursday: September 26 – Blessed Mother Olga Book Club at **6:30PM**
on the ZOOM media platform ONLY!!!

Saturday: September 28 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: September 29 – Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Tone 3 – Saint Quadratus)

Holy Apostle Quadratus, / entreat the merciful God, // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint Phocas)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / Thou didst become a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / By teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. // Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Saint Quadratus)

The universe offers Thee, O Lord, the Apostle Quadratus / as a most honored hierarch and athlete of great strength; / with hymns it honors his all-venerable memory, // And asks that through him Thou grant forgiveness of transgressions to those who sing his praise.

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Saint Phocas)

The Master established thee as a brilliant sun / shining on all the faithful, glorious Hieromartyr Phocas. / He has accepted thy life, faith and contest as myrrh, // for He is rich in mercy.

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 4)

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)

v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)



Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

Announcements

HVAC Project Donations in Memory of Emily Gerasimoff

Melanie Albrecht
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Ronald & Cheryl Homa
Rick & Daria LeRoy
Nina Patterson
John & Michele Spack
Robert Wanenchak

VICE CHANCELLOR OF DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA APPOINTED BATH, PA [DOEPA COMMUNICATIONS – September 18, 2024]

With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Mark, Archpriest Timothy Hoinicki has been appointed, effective immediately, as the Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. All his other duties remain the same. May God grant Archpriest Timothy and his family many years!

[Editorial Note: Archpriest Timothy Hoinicki is the Dean of the Frackville Deanery and is also the priest of Holy Apostles Orthodox Church in Mechanicsburg, PA]

2025 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders beginning 9/29:

The parish will once again be ordering 2025 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there will be sign-up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs on Sep 29th.

The cost of the 2025 St Tikhon's calendars is \$8 per calendar (based on 2024 cost). The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: **Sunday, November 3, 2024!**

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Natalie Patterson-Nedbal and her unborn child offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Peter Witiak offered by Nina Patterson
John & Margaret Pellack offered by the Reader David Pellack
John & Julia Drimak offered by Sandra Hourahan & Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/15/24

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Newly Departed Servant of God Peter Witiak who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday morning, August 21, 2024. May His Memory Be Eternal!
Vetchnaya Pamyat!

Christina Andrews and her unborn child; Natalie Patterson-Nedbal and her unborn child; Darren Bodnar; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Fania Wanenchak and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon*******

In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021.
Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

Cash Flow Activity (August)

<u>Week of Sun Sep 8 to Sat Sep 14</u>	<u>September Month to Date</u>	
Attendance:	44	33 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 3,308.00	\$16,416.00
Funds Out:	\$ 1,041.72	\$ 4,170.62
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,266.28	\$12,245.38

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.

Calendar of Events

2024 Monthly/Quarterly Schedule

- 1st Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2nd Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
- 4th Thursday of each month** – Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

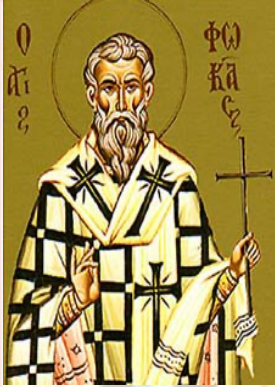
	<u>Today (Sep 22)</u>	<u>Next Week (Sep 29)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Daniel S. Herbert	Reader David Pellack
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus	Reader David Pellack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which Team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour on the calendar printout which is located in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside of the office room.

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in September & October 2024.

Currently there are no services, events, activities scheduled at this time.



Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope [September 22nd]

Hieromartyr Phocas was born in the city of Sinope. From youth he led a virtuous Christian life, and in his adult years he became Bishop of Sinope. Saint Phocas converted many pagans to faith in Christ. At the time of a persecution against Christians under the emperor Trajan (98-117), the governor demanded that the saint renounce Christ. After fierce torture they enclosed Saint Phocas in a hot bath, where he died a martyr's death in the year 117.

In the year 404, the relics of the saint were transferred to Constantinople (July 22).

The Hieromartyr Phocas is especially venerated as a defender against fires, and also as a helper of the drowning.

Prophet Jonah [September 22nd]

The Holy Prophet Jonah lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the sign of the Prophet Jonah, "As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights" (Mt. 12: 40). From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ's death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection.

Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, "The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here" (Mt. 12: 41).